21 October 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 21 October 1969

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| | Godfrey briefed on what we know and do not know with respect to the early morning coup in the Somali Republic. |
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DD/ONE noted that via Tom Parrott they are in receipt of a request from PFIAB Panel No. 3 for data on the mechanics of preparing various military Estimates. He added that, since PFIAB will be meeting with the President on 24 October, ONE will provide a response to PFIAB by 23 October.

DD/S mentioned that eighty-seven officers will retire by December, sixty-five of whom are scheduled to retire prior to 31 October.

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Carver pointed to a message suggesting that DOD has relaxed the "rules of engagement" connected with military operations along the DMZ.

Carver noted having briefly reviewed a recent MACV assessment of the war and added that its thrust appeared to be consistent with our material.

Carver mentioned that he has invited Larry Lynn to have lunch at Headquarters in the near future in connection with his new

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responsibilities as taskmaster in support of the Vietnam Special Studies Committee. The Director thought this an essential and excellent idea.

Maury noted that we will be sending a letter to Wilfred Rommel, BOB Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, amending the CIA Retirement Act of 1964 to pick up the provisions of the Daniels-McGee bill.

DD/S&T forecast another attempt by the Soviets to put something in, on, or around the moon.

The Director briefed on his understanding of the functions of the Vietnam Special Studies Committee. He elaborated on Larry Lynn's responsibilities and described them as being essentially the same as those performed in support of the verification problem.

The Director noted that the Defense Policy Review Committee will be getting itself organized in the near future.

The Director and the DDCI briefly discussed request for a coordinated paper for use as a press backgrounder describing the difficulties the Soviets encountered in their recent space effort.

DD/S&T mentioned that he is in receipt of another request from Dr. Kissinger on a matter pertaining to the Soviet space effort.

L. K. White

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